

Behavioral Health Services for Adults with Serious Mental Illness

- Result of House Bill 219 (2020) “Mental Health Amendments”
- The State is seeking federal approval to claim federal financial participation (FFP) for payment of services to Medicaid beneficiaries, age 21 through 64, receiving inpatient psychiatric treatment or residential mental health treatment in an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD).
 - An IMD is defined by law as; a hospital, nursing facility, or other institution of more than 16 beds that is primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons with mental diseases, including medical attention, nursing care and related services.
 - The average length of stay in an IMD must be no more than 30 days.
- Eligibility
 - All individuals, age 21-64, who are eligible for full Medicaid benefits under the Utah Medicaid State Plan and the State’s 1115 Demonstration Waiver, will be included in this demonstration.
- Benefits
 - Individuals residing in an IMD will receive the benefit plan applicable to the Medicaid program they are eligible for; this includes an extensive continuum of behavioral health services.
- Proposed Demonstration Timeframe
 - The State is requesting approval to implement on January 1, 2021.
- Population Impacted
 - Approximately 1,000-1,500 individuals per month may be impacted by this amendment.

Demonstration amendment documents are available online at: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/1115-waiver>